



CITY COUNCILMEMBER APPLICATION

Application is due by 11:59 p.m., March 4, 2026

Name: Jeffrey P Breckel

Are you a registered voter? Yes

Are you a resident of the City of Stevenson? Yes

Length of residence in Stevenson? 30 Years (2018-present and 1978-2000)

1. List your educational background (or attach resume).

- See Attached Resume

2. Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer (or attach resume).

- See Attached Resume

3. Describe your community activities and volunteer work (or attach resume).

- See Attached Resume

4. Describe your special qualifications applicable to City Council.

For over 40 years, I have been successful in bringing people together, listening to them, and working with them to forge workable solutions to challenging issues. I know how to work with elected officials and public agencies to achieve results for local communities. As the director of several small local agencies, I have been accountable for producing solid results while making the most effective and efficient use of public funds. More specifically, I have served on the City Planning Commission for 6 years and as its chair for over 3 years. I worked to strengthen the commission's efforts to reach out and involve the public and to review and update land use plans and regulations. I worked on the Downtown Plan for Success and participated on the city's sewer and broad band work groups. I also attend City Council meetings to represent the Planning Commission and better understand the issues facing the City.

5. Why do you want to serve on the Stevenson City Council?

I'm proud to be a citizen of Stevenson. While I have lived here for over 30 years, Stevenson has always been a part of my life. I spent time in Stevenson growing up. I moved here after serving in the Navy and raised a family. I've watched Stevenson change from a timber economy to a tourist economy. I want our city to be a strong, viable and livable community in keeping with our small-town character. I believe I have the skills and background to help Stevenson chart its future path.

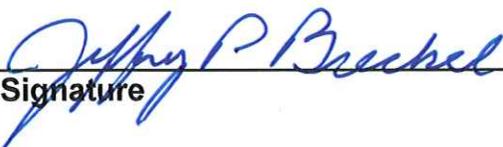
6. Specify any activities that might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the City Council.

I know of no personal activity that might create a conflict of interest should I be appointed to the City Council.

7. Briefly explain what you believe are the most important issues facing the Stevenson community at this time and the role the City Council can play in addressing each issue.

The highest priority must be building credibility and trust in city government. It must be transparent, open and inviting to people. It must listen, be respectful and responsive. If the City is to play a lead role in achieving strong, viable and livable community it must strive to build strong cooperative partnerships with the county, the port, the school district, and organizations such as the Stevenson Downtown Association, the Chamber, the Skamania EDC. Second, given the uncertain economic outlook, the City must strengthen its financial management and controls. Simply balancing the budget is not enough. It must look for efficiencies while maximizing value to our citizens. Third, to ensure economic viability and orderly community development, the City must be willing to review its regulations and programs when the need arises. Are the regulations serving their intended purpose? Are they being effectively and fairly administered? Fourth, the City should lead efforts to ensure that adequate housing is available to meet varied needs of the people who live and work here.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provide herein is true and correct.



Signature

February 28, 2020

Date

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Jeffrey Breckel

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Cellular/Home Telephone Number: 360-921-0955

Work Address: Not Applicable. Retired

Work Telephone Number: None

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Member and Chair (2016 to Present)
Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board
Recreation and Conservation Office
Olympia, Washington

Initially appointed to the Board in 2016, Mr. Breckel has served as Chair since September 2021. Mr. Breckel has led his fellow Board members in working with the staff of the Recreation and Conservation Office, the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, regional recovery organizations and lead entities to restore and protect critical habitat for ESA listed salmon and steelhead. During his tenure the Board has streamlined procedures to make more efficient use of grant funds, refocused monitoring efforts to better understand and address habitat needs, and developed a grant program to protect and restore riparian areas.

Mr. Breckel worked to establish and serves as the co-chair of the Salmon Recovery Network which brings together agencies and organizations engaged in salmon recovery to share information and coordinate their efforts.

Executive Director (1998 to 2016)
Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
Longview, Washington

Mr. Breckel served as the Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board. State law established the 15-member Board in 1998 to provide local governments, tribes, and interested citizens an active role in salmon and steelhead recovery efforts in the lower Columbia region. The Board is responsible for coordinating fish habitat restoration and preservation efforts, coordinating the development and implementation of a regional salmon recovery plan, leading watershed planning activities, and promoting public understanding and participation in salmon recovery efforts.

Under his leadership and, together with federal and state agencies, tribes and local jurisdictions, the board led a collaborative effort to forge the first salmon recovery plan adopted by NOAA Fisheries. The plan also serves as the Northwest Power and Conservation Council Subbasin Plan for 8 lower Columbia Subbasins. Over the same time period, he worked with interest groups and government agencies to publish 3 water management plans for the Lower Columbia Watershed Resource Inventory Areas.

Mr. Breckel directed the Board's habitat and water-related project funding efforts. He worked with state and federal agencies, local governments, conservation districts, utilities, and nonprofit organizations to develop and secure funding for over 260 habitat restoration and water-related projects with a total value of over \$60 million.

Mr. Breckel served as chair of the Council of Salmon Recovery Regional Organizations which works with the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office and state agencies to help shape statewide recovery policies and programs.

Nuclear Waste Policy Advisor (1988 to 1998)
Washington Governor's Office and Department of Ecology
Olympia, Washington

Mr. Breckel advised the Governor's Office and Department of Ecology on nuclear waste policy issues involving the cleanup of the US Department of Energy Hanford Reservation and the management commercial low level radioactive waste. He served as the state's congressional liaison on nuclear waste issues and worked on national nuclear waste issues through the National Governors' Association and the National Association of Attorneys General. He served as chair of the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low Level Radioactive Waste Management and sat on the US Department of Energy Environmental Management Board.

Executive Director (1978 to 1987)
Oregon and Washington Columbia River Gorge Commissions
North Bonneville, Washington

Mr. Breckel served as the director of the Washington and Oregon commissions created to oversee and protect the unique scenic, natural, historical, and cultural features of the Columbia River Gorge. He worked with federal and state agencies, local governments, tribes, and the business and environmental communities to develop and implement land and resource management plans. Mr. Breckel represented the governors of Washington and Oregon in the drafting and passage of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act and the supporting interstate compact legislation.

Headquarters Staff Officer (1972 to 1977)
Navy Nuclear Power Program
Washington, DC

Mr. Breckel served on the staff Admiral H.G. Rickover and was engaged in logistic issues associated with the construction, operation, maintenance and overhaul of nuclear reactor plants in US Navy ships and submarines. He was honorably discharged in 1977 and attained the rank of Lieutenant.

Education

BA, Business Administration, University of Washington, 1972

Volunteer Activities

- Member, Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board, 2016 to present. Chair, September 2020 to present
- Co-Chair, Washington Salmon Recovery Network (SRNet)
- Chair, City of Stevenson Planning Commission
- Member, Columbia Land Trust Conservation Committee